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SUBJECT: SPORTS EXCHANGES BETWEEN THAILAND AND TAIWAN

1. ON JAN 21, 1977, THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, NATION REVIEW, REPORTED THE DECISION OF THE THAI NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO BAN ANY THAI SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS FROM PARTICIPATING IN SPORTING EVENTS WITH TEAMS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. ACCORDING TO A THAI FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, THIS DECISION WAS PRECIPITATED BY A RECENT VISIT TO THAILAND BY A STUDENT RUGBY TEAM FROM TAIWAN. THE VISIT DREW A STRONG PROTEST FROM THE PRC EMBASSY. THE OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT WHILE THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAD BANNED THAI NATIONAL TEAMS COMPETING WITH TEAMS FROM TAIWAN, THE RULING DID NOT APPLY TO SEMI-OFFICIAL VISITS WHICH WERE SPONSORED BY NON-GOVERNMENT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS. THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE WAS DESIGNED TO CORRECT THIS PROBLEM.

2. WHETHER UNOFFICIAL SPORTS EXCHANGES WITH TAIWAN WILL BE COMPLETELY BANNED REMAINS IN DOUBT. AFTER SPELLING OUT THE DECISION AND THE REASON FOR IT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, AIR CHIEF MARSHAL (RETIRED) THAWI CHUNLASSAP, ADDED THAT IF ANY ASSOCIATION WANTS TO INVITE A TAIWAN TEAM HERE FOR A FRIENDLY MEET, OFFICIAL APPROVAL

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SHOULD BE FIRST OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT. THIS STATEMENT SEEMS TO SUGGEST THAT EXCHANGES WITH TAIWAN WILL BE ALLOWED AS LONG AS THE GOVERNMENT FIRST APPROVES THE VISIT. WHITEHOUSE

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